Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know whether the order which had been kept in abeyance was cancelled afterwards?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. It was cancelled and final orders were issued.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government see that if only the Inspecting Officer is of opinion that his services should be continued provided he produces a medical certificate of fitness, such certificates will be called for hereafter so that the candidates may not be put to unnecessary loss ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Government will consider it.

Text-Books prescribed for schools.

384. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—With reference to the Text-Books that are now prescribed in our schools, will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars in a tabular form:—

(1) the names of publishers;

(2) the number and names of books of such publishers prescribed;

(3) the classes for which they are prescribed;

(4) the year in which they are prescribed;

(5) the number of years for which they are prescribed?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix II*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in Appendix II, where the names of books, the name of publishers etc., are printed, the Government has followed any particular arrangement ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—No. It is only arbitrary. Somebody should be given the first place.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to this Appendix II, p. 20, V. Sundara Ayyar & Sons, Trichur, may I know whether the 15 books are the books prescribed this year or are they books continued from previous years?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The year in which they are prescribed is given there. For example, Vidya Vinodum 10th Reader was published in 1107. It is given there.

Copying fees—distribution to copyists.

385. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With reference to question No. 94, dated 14th December 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what portion of the copying fees was distributed among the copyists before 1083;

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(b) what portion was retained by Government and for what purpose?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Three-fourths.

(b) One-fourth was retained by Government towards the pay of the Examiner and towards the stationery supplied to the copyists.

Copyists—Services of.

386. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to question No. 94, dated 14th December 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether before 1083 a copyist in a Civil Court could absent himself from attending office without sanction from the ministerial head of the office in which he worked;

(b) were any records maintained regarding the services of the copyists before 1083;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table the period of service of each of those copyists who were retained in service and who are still living?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) No regular records were maintained. There were acquittance rolls and attendance registers but they were not preserved in many cases.

(c) In view of the answer to (b) no answer is necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to sub-division (b) were service books kept for these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not before 1083.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they considered as Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They were Government servants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they Government servants in the full sense of the term or was there any qualification?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not in the full sense.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In what sense, may I know?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the sense that they were not eligible for any of the advantages that are attached to permanent service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated that they could not absent themselves from duty without leave from the ministerial head of the office. Were they eligible for casual leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they were eligible for casual leave.

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